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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on January 30, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)

Rep. Duane Ankney, Vice Chairman (R)

Rep. Hal Jacobson, Vice Chairman (D)

Rep. Debby Barrett (R)

Rep. Gary Branae (D)

Rep. Mary Caferro (D)

Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)

Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)

Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)

Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)

Rep. William J. Jones (R)

Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)

Rep. Walter McNutt (R)

Rep. Alan Olson (R)

Rep. Mike Phillips (D)

Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Scott Sales

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the

meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 288, HB 369

HEARING ON HB 288

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:09 Rep. Brady Wiseman (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 288, Depleted uranium testing for certain veterans.

EXHIBIT (sth20a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:24 William Clawson, Veteran

EXHIBIT (sth20a02)

00:14:54 Janet Knight, Retired Nurse

EXHIBIT (sth20a03)

00:19:27 Walter Knight, Doctor

EXHIBIT (sth20a04)

00:27:24 Valerie Hellermann

EXHIBIT (sth20a05)

- 00:30:28 Jonathan Matthews
- 00:42:56 Will Boland, Veteran
- 00:49:46 Kristen Best, Helena Peace Seekers Member
- 00:52:12 Sandra Murray
- 00:53:36 Dan Antonitti, WWII Veternan

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

- 00:54:56 Lt. Colonel James P. Moran, Attorney for Montana National Guard
- 00:56:34 Joe Foster, Administrator for Montana Veterans Affairs

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

- 00:57:14 Rep. Ankney
- 00:58:27 Rep. Wiseman
- 00:58:34 Rep. Phillips
- 00:58:54 Lt. Col. Moran
- 01:00:44 Rep. Phillips
- 01:01:05 Lt. Col. Moran
- 01:02:32 Rep. Phillips
- 01:02:47 Lt. Col. Moran
- 01:03:15 Rep. Phillips
- 01:03:36 Mr. Foster
- 01:03:41 Rep. Ingraham
- 01:04:37 Rep. Wiseman
- 01:05:36 Rep. Henry
- 01:06:11 Mr. Foster

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01:10:26 Rep. Henry
01:11:54 Mr. Foster
01:12:29 Rep. Small-Eastman
01:14:07 Mr. Foster
01:14:56 Rep. Jacobson
01:15:54 Mr. Foster
01:15:58 Lt. Col. Wood
01:16:18 Rep. Jacobson
01:16:41 Rep. Caferro
01:17:25 Rep. Wiseman
01:18:40 Rep. Caferro
01:20:17 Rep. Wiseman
01:21:04 Rep. Caferro
01:21:30 Mr. Matthews
01:23:29 Rep. Dickenson
01:24:14 Rep. Wiseman
01:24:20 Rep. Dickenson
01:24:59 Mr. Foster
01:25:08 Rep. Barrett 01:25:50 Rep. Wiseman
01:26:08 Rep. Barrett
01:26:23 Rep. Wiseman
01:26:32 Rep. Phillips
01:27:03 Rep. Wiseman
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Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:28 Rep. Wiseman

01:28:21 Break

01:39:12 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 369

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:39:40 Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D), Hd 63, opened the hearing on HB 369, Increase county borrowing limit.

EXHIBIT (sth20a06)

<u>Proponents' Testimony</u>:

01:43:44 Harold Blattie, Executive Director of the Montana Association of Counties

01:46:55 Linda Stoll, Missoula County

01:47:35 Michael Harris, Legislative Liaison, Gallatin County Commissioners

EXHIBIT (sth20a07)

- 01:55:07 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractor's Association
 01:58:21 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commissioner
 Representative
 01:59:44 John Prinkki, Chariman, Montana Association of Counties
 02:02:19 Mike McGinley, County Commissioner, Beaverhead County
- Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:03:34 Rep. Olson 02:04:35 Mr. Blattie 02:04:42 Rep. Olson 02:04:49 Mr. Blattie 02:04:55 Rep. Wilmer 02:05:14 Mr. Prinkki 02:05:25 Mr. Blattie 02:05:46 Rep. Wilmer 02:06:05 Mr. Blattie 02:06:29 Rep. Wilmer 02:06:50 Mr. Hegreberg 02:07:29 Rep. Ingraham 02:07:59 Mr. Blattie 02:08:36 Rep. Ingraham 02:09:24 Mr. Hegreberg 02:09:52 Rep. Ingraham 02:10:18 Mr. Harris 02:10:37 Rep. Ingraham 02:11:09 Mr. Blattie 02:11:33 Rep. Small-Eastman 02:12:23 Mr. Blattie 02:12:32 Rep. Barrett 02:13:16 Mr. McGinley 02:13:47 Rep. Malcolm 02:14:19 Mr. Harris 02:15:11 Rep. McNutt 02:16:18 Mr. Blattie

Closing by Sponsor:

02:16:41 Rep. Pomnichowski

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		ADJOURNMENT	
02:19:07	Adjournment		
		REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER,	Chairman
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		DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary	
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